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Rub named athletic director of the year

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The Daily Astorian

Astoria High School athletic director Howard Rub picked up two prestigious awards last week, as he was named the Oregon Athletic Directors Association’s Athletic Director of the Year, in both the 4A and 4A/5A/6A categories.

Or, in Rub’s words, “a pretty

humbling experience.”

Rub is in his 19th year as the head football coach at Astoria, and the 15th as the school’s athletic director.

“The award says for 2019, but it’s really something that I feel the department has been recognized for in our efforts over the years,” he said. “It’s still a ‘team award,’



Howard Rub

for everyone in the program and the school, from the administrators to coaches to volunteers.”

Previously, Rub spent four years as the head football coach and athletic director at Dwight Township High School in Illinois, and was the athletic director for one year at Corvallis High School

before coming to Astoria.

“I knew beforehand that I would be the representative for the 4A award, so they wanted to make sure I was in attendance,” Rub said of the recent OADA awards banquet. “But the 4A/5A/6A award was not expected. It’s a tremendous honor to be recognized by your peers. And it speaks of the assistance and help I’ve had over the years from the

school and my assistants, the latest being Emily Delay.”

The member of numerous coaching associations and boards, Rub is an eight-time winner of the football Coach of the Year in the Cowapa League, leading Astoria to one state championship and four league championships. He has twice been selected to coach in the annual East-West Shrine game in Baker City.

GOLF

Astoria second in Seaside Invite

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Seaside was the host school for a 10-team girls golf invitational Tuesday at the Gearhart Golf Links.

Playing under a modified stableford scoring format, Valley Catholic racked up 219 points for the team victory, with Astoria (138) a distant second.

Gladstone (135) was third, followed by Seaside (122), Tillamook (117), Ilwaco (116), Molalla (105), Riverdale (100), Warrenton (38) and Banks (10).

Riverdale’s Yvonne Vinceri was medalist with a 68, edging Challin Kim of Valley Catholic (67).

Samantha Hemsley led Astoria with a 49 for eighth overall. Teammate Jenna Travers was 10th (42), while Seaside’s Tristyn McFadden placed 11th with a 38.

Rounding out Astoria’s scores were Annalyse Steele (25), Katie Boutin (22) and Constance Rouda (19).

Seaside golfers included Sydney Rapp (33), Emma Arden (28), Elise Seppa (23), Caitlin Hillman (20), Paris Johnson (11), and freshmen Anna Knoch (5), Ella Eronen (4) and Frida Ruff (1).

Alissa Hardesty had 15 points for Warrenton’s top score, followed by Mara Dowaliby (12), Maddie Erland (11) and Hailey Bentley (3).

“Annalyse Steele played really well for us,” for 24th overall, said Astoria coach Chris Hunt, whose team will host the Cowapa League championship tournament Monday at the Astoria Golf & Country Club.



AP Photo/Craig Mitchelldyer

Damian Lillard is doused by teammates after the win.

Lillard has 50, Trail Blazers oust Thunder in 5 games

By ANNE M. PETERSON
Associated Press

PORTLAND — Damian Lillard hit a 37-footer at the buzzer and finished with career playoff-high 50 points to help the Portland Trail Blazers eliminate the Oklahoma City Thunder from the playoffs in five games with a 118-115 victory on Tuesday night.

With the game tied, Lillard dribbled just inside of halfcourt near the Blazers logo and then pulled up and hit the game-winner.

Lillard waved goodbye to the Thunder bench after nailing the shot, then was promptly mobbed by his teammates. As the Thunder left the floor, Lillard circled the court, high-fiving fans.

The crowd chanted “MVP! MVP!”

Lillard had 10 3-pointers, breaking the franchise record.

Portland advances to the West-

ern Conference semifinals to face the winner of the series between the Nuggets and San Antonio. Denver won 108-90 earlier in the night to take a 3-2 lead in that series.

It was the 12th straight road playoff loss for the Thunder, who have been eliminated in the opening round for three straight seasons.

Russell Westbrook had 29 points, 11 rebounds and 14 assists for his 10th career playoff triple-double and his second of the series. Paul George added 36 points.

Lillard had 34 points in the first half alone — more than Westbrook and George had combined (32) for the Thunder — but the Blazers had just a 61-60 edge going into the second half.

The Thunder led 90-88 going into the final quarter. Westbrook hit a 3-pointer to extend the lead while Lillard took a break on the bench.

Oklahoma City went up 105-90 with 7:45 left on Dennis Schroder’s pullup jumper as Portland struggled.

Lillard’s 3-pointer pulled the Blazers within 108-103, but Westbrook answered with his own 3-pointer. CJ McCollum’s bank shot cut Oklahoma City’s lead to 113-109 with 1:39 left. Maurice Harkless added free throws to get the Blazers within two.

McCollum tied it with a jumper with just under a minute left, but George scored on the other end. Lillard’s layup re-tied it before he hit his epic 3-pointer.

McCollum finished with 17 for the Blazers and Enes Kanter had 13 points and 13 rebounds.

The Blazers stole one in Oklahoma City, winning 111-98 on Sunday. Westbrook went cold, finishing was 5 of 21 from the field for 14 points. He missed his final 10 shots. Lillard finished with 24, including 15 in the third quarter.

SOFTBALL

Big day for Norris leads Astoria over Warrenton

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Astoria scored three runs in the fourth inning and one in the fifth, good enough for a 4-2 win over Warrenton in a nonleague softball game Wednesday at CMH Field.

A two-run homer by Julia Norris highlighted Astoria’s three-run fourth inning, which included singles by Lexi Lyngstad, Tenley Matteucci and Madi Both, whose two-out single scored Matteucci with the third run.

The Fishermen tacked on an insurance run in the fourth, as Halle Helmersen reached on an error, stole second and took third on a grounder by Lyngstad. She scored on a passed ball for a 4-0 lead.

Warrenton answered with a two-out, two-run rally in the bottom of the fifth, as Danielle Bue and Kenzie Ramsey reached on back-to-back singles, and both scored on an error.

Astoria collected 10 hits from eight different players, while Norris was the winning pitcher with six strikeouts and a walk.

Bue and Ramsey each had two of Warrenton’s five hits.

Astoria returns to league play Thursday at Tillamook, while the Warriors host Rainier for a single game Thursday, followed by a doubleheader Friday at Willamina.

Weaver leads Knappa past St. Paul, 8-2

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Knappa pitcher Madelynn Weaver tossed a two-hitter with nine strikeouts and two walks, plenty for an 8-2 win over St. Paul in a Northwest League softball game Wednesday at St. Paul.

Weaver was also 2-for-2 at the plate, with three RBIs and three runs scored.

The Loggers built a 3-0 lead in the third inning, behind back-to-back, run-scoring singles by Weaver and Laicee Hendrickson.

The Buckaroos rallied to within 3-2 with two runs in the fifth, but Knappa answered with three runs in the sixth and two in the seventh to clinch the win.

Knappa drew three walks in the sixth inning rally, followed by a two-run single from Vicki Ramvick and a run-scoring hit by Hannah Hellberg.

“Madelynn pitched well, Sophia (Carlson, 2-for-5, three runs scored) and Vicki had some big hits, and we were back to playing Logger softball,” said Knappa coach James Nichols.

Eight different players combined for 11 hits by the Loggers, who improve to 7-4 in league play, second place behind Vernonia (10-1).

Knappa plays back-to-back doubleheaders Wednesday (at Vernonia) and Friday (home vs. St. Paul).

SCOREBOARD

PREP SPORTS SCHEDULE
TODAY
Baseball — Astoria at Tillamook, 4 p.m.; Rainier at Warrenton, 4:30 p.m.
Softball — Knappa at Vernonia (2), 3 p.m.
Track — Warrenton league meet, TBA
Boys golf — Banks at Seaside, 2 p.m.
THURSDAY
Softball — Astoria at Tillamook, 5 p.m.; Rainier at Warrenton, 4:30 p.m.
FRIDAY
Baseball — Valley Catholic at Astoria, 5 p.m.; Seaside at Tillamook, 5 p.m.; Warrenton at Willamina (2), 3:30 p.m.; St. Paul at Knappa (2), 3 p.m.
Softball — Tillamook at Seaside, 5 p.m.; Warrenton at Willamina (2), 3:30 p.m.; St. Paul at Knappa (2), 3 p.m.
SOFTBALL
Astoria 4, Warrenton 2
Astoria 000 310 0—4 10 2
Warrenton 000 020 0—2 5 3
W: Julia Norris. L: Mia McFadden. RBI: Ast, Norris 2, Both. HR: Ast, Norris. LOB: Astoria 8, Warrenton 6. DP: Warrenton.
Knappa 8, St. Paul 2
Knappa 102 003 2—8 11 1
St. Paul 000 020 0—2 2 4
W: Madelynn Weaver. L: Rachel Vela. RBI: Kna, Weaver 3, Ramvick 2, Hellberg, Hendrickson; SP: Southerland, Quamme. 2B: Kna, Dietrichs, Weaver; SP, Southerland. LOB: Knappa 10, St. Paul 2.
BASEBALL
Warrenton 8, Catlin Gabel 2
Warrenton 200 030 3—8 9 2
St. Paul 000 000 0—0 4 1
C.Gabel 100 010 0—2 4 5
Little, Jackson (6) and Morrow; Hoke and Zo-Li. W: Little. L: Hoke. RBI: War, Falls 3, Breitmeyer; CG, Hoke, Wells. 2B: War, Little, Herrera; CG, Hoke, Young. HBP: War, Jackson; CG, Whalen-Stewart. LOB: Warrenton 4, Catlin Gabel 5. DP: Warrenton.
Knappa 3, St. Paul 0
Knappa 000 200 1—3 6 2
St. Paul 000 000 0—0 4 1
Wallace, Takalo (5) and Patterson; Koch, Crawford (7) and Coppola. W: Wallace. L: Koch. S: Takalo. 2B: Kna, Wallace.

BASEBALL

Knappa Loggers hold off St. Paul, 3-0

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The Knappa Loggers baseball team scored its 30th straight win in league play going back to the 2017 season with a 3-0 win Tuesday at St. Paul.

The Loggers scored two runs in the fourth inning, and pitchers Tristin Wallace and Eli Takalo did the rest. Wallace picked up the win, allowing two hits with no walks in four-and-a-third innings before giving way to Takalo, who allowed two hits and a walk for Knappa’s sixth shutout win of the season.

Ranked No. 1 in the latest 2A coaches poll, Knappa improves to 10-0 atop the 2019 Northwest League standings, ahead of Neah-Kah-Nie (9-1). St. Paul slips to 6-3.

A single by Jaxson Goodman scored Cameron Miethe with a run in the top of the second, and Logan Bartlett scored on a double steal to give the Loggers a 2-0 lead in the fourth.

Ryker Coffey reached on a nine-pitch at-bat in the seventh, then scored on a double by Wallace, who was 3-for-4.

“Tristin definitely had the big day for us,” said Knappa coach Jeff Miller. “He was our only multiple hit guy, and we needed that run in the seventh because (St. Paul) put two runners on in the bottom of the seventh. That insurance run made us feel a little more at ease.”

Defensively, “our outfield played a great game,” Miller said. “Devin Hoover had a diving catch, then Takalo and Shaun Lackey also made big catches.”

Knappa hosts a doubleheader Friday with St. Paul.

Little, Jackson lead Warrenton past Catlin Gabel

Austin Little was 3-for-4 at the plate, and also pitched five innings to pick up the win in Warrenton’s 8-2 victory at Catlin Gabel, in a Coastal Range League baseball game Tuesday.

The No. 5-ranked Warriors scored six runs over the final three innings, helping Warrenton

improve to 5-0 in league play (9-2 overall).

Devin Jackson pitched the final two innings, with the two Warrenton pitchers combining on a four-hitter with five strikeouts and one walk.

Catlin Gabel’s Wyatt Hoke allowed nine Warrenton hits, with six strikeouts and no walks.

“Hoke threw a good game, and they’re a good team,” Warrenton coach Lennie Wolfe said of the Eagles. “Austin gave up two unearned runs, and he pitched well for us.”

Little had a double and scored three runs, while Alec Herrera was 2-for-3 with a double.

Warrenton’s Duane Falls drove in three runs, including a two-run single in the seventh inning.

The Warriors return to action Wednesday with a single home game against Rainier. Wednesday’s second game of the scheduled doubleheader has been moved to May 7 at Rainier.

In other league action Tuesday, Taft defeated Clatskanie 17-0, and Rainier topped Willamina 10-0.